(a) whether State Government of Orissa has requested the Central Government to seek approval from the Royal Danish Embassy to extend the Modified TB Control Programme to another 16 districts of the State, as reported in the New Indian Express, Bhubaneswar, dated 27th November, 2002;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal; and

(c) the details of Central projects to help the State to control TB disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Denmark and the Government of India have agreed, in principle, to the extension of the revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) to the remaining 16 districts of the State of Orissa.

(c) RNTCP is already being implemented in Orissa. 14 Districts have already been covered under the revised strategy and preparatory activities are underway in the remaining 16 districts for adoption of the revised strategy.

Expenditure on health care

519. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government expenditure on health care remain static in the vicinity of 5 per cent of GDP since 1995;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the expenditure against curative and preventive health care system for the last three years, system-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAfKftY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the World Health Report—2002 of WHO, the percentage of total expenditure on health to GDP has remained in the vicinity of 5% since 1995. Although the expenditure as a percentage of GDP has remained static, in absolute terms this has increased. Also the health care requirements of the population are enormous and even increasing. Nevertheless, Government has been making every effort to increase its contribution of public health expenditure. The resources for public investment in health sector are being augmented by securing assistance from various bilateral and multilateral agencies for implementations of various disease control programmes.

(c) The Plan expenditure made for health including curative & preventive aspects for the last three years is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Health	Indian System of Medicine & Homoeopathy	Maternal & Child Health
1999-2000	950.35	49.05	658.33
2000-2001	1120.30	79.46	828.08
2001-2002	1307.95	82.15	951.05

Health Melas

520. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMOTILALVORA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of Health Melas organized during the past three years in different parts of the country and their respective themes;